

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method for a broadcast system comprising:

detecting a tuning event;

maintaining relative statistics on one or more items related to the tuning event; and

creating automatically a list of favorites based on the maintained relative statistics.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein detecting a tuning event includes detecting a selected channel or program.

3. The method of claim 1, wherein the list of favorites comprises a schedule listing consecutive weekly programs separated by time.

4. The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
auto-tuning the list of favorites without user interaction.

5. The method of claim 1, wherein the list of favorites is accessible from more than one device.

6. The method of claim 1, wherein the list of favorites is modified using a changing time scale as the list matures.

7. The method of claim 1, wherein the maintaining of the relative statistics includes preventing rollover of a count value.

1 8. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

2 providing an alert if an item in the list of favorites is about to be shown or is being  
3 shown.

1 9. The method of claim 1, wherein the one or more items include a channel item, a  
2 program item, an actor item, a director item, a theme item, or a category item.

1 10. An apparatus comprising:

2 a memory to store relative statistics;

3 a processor to detect a tuning event, to maintain the relative statistics in the memory  
4 related to the tuning event, and to create automatically a list of favorites based on the relative  
5 statistics in the memory.

1 11. The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the processor is to detect the tuning event by  
2 detecting a selected channel or program.

1 12. The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the list of favorites comprises a schedule listing  
2 consecutive weekly programs separated by time.

1 13. The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the processor is to auto-tune the list of favorites  
2 without user interaction.

1 14. The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the list of favorites is accessible from more than  
2 one device.

1 15. The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the processor is to change the list of favorites  
2 using a changing time scale as the list matures.

1 16. The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the processor is to prevent rollover of a count  
2 value.

1 17. The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the processor is to provide an alert if an item in  
2 the list of favorites is about to be shown or is being shown.

1 18. The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the one or more items include a channel item, a  
2 program item, an actor item, a director item, a theme item, or a category item.

1 19. A machine-readable medium that provides instructions, which if executed by a  
2 processor, cause the processor to perform the operations comprising:  
3 detecting a tuning event;  
4 maintaining relative statistics on one or more items related to the tuning event; and  
5 creating automatically a list of favorites based on the maintained relative statistics.

1 20. The machine-readable medium of claim 19, that further provides instructions,  
2 which, if executed by the processor, cause the processor to perform the operations  
3 comprising:  
4 detecting a selected channel or program.

1 21. The machine-readable medium of claim 19, that further provides instructions,  
2 which, if executed by the processor, cause the processor to perform the operations  
3 comprising:

4 creating automatically the list of favorites to comprise a schedule listing consecutive  
5 weekly programs separated by time.

1 22. The machine-readable medium of claim 19, that further provides instructions,  
2 which, if executed by the processor, cause the processor to perform the operations  
3 comprising:

4 auto-tuning the list of favorites without user interaction.

1 23. The machine-readable medium of claim 19, that further provides instructions,  
2 which, if executed by the processor, cause the processor to perform the operations  
3 comprising:

4 providing access to the list of favorites from more than one device.

1 24. The machine-readable medium of claim 19, that further provides instructions,  
2 which, if executed by the processor, cause the processor to perform the operations  
3 comprising:

4 creating automatically the list of favorites using a changing time scale as the list  
5 matures.

1 25. The machine-readable medium of claim 19, that further provides instructions,  
2 which, if executed by the processor, cause the processor to perform the operations  
3 comprising:

4 preventing rollover of a count value.

1 26. The machine-readable medium of claim 19, that further provides instructions,  
2 which, if executed by the processor, cause the processor to perform the operations  
3 comprising:  
4 providing an alert if an item in the list of favorites is about to be shown or is being  
5 shown.

1 27. The machine-readable medium of claim 19, that further provides instructions,  
2 which, if executed by the processor, cause the processor to perform the operations  
3 comprising:  
4 maintaining relative statistics on one or more items that include a channel item, a  
5 program item, an actor item, a director item, a theme item, or a category item.

1 28. A broadcast system comprising  
2 a display;  
3 a receiver coupled to the display and to store relative statistics, to detect a tuning  
4 event, to maintain the relative statistics related to the tuning event, and to create  
5 automatically a list of favorites based on the relative statistics in the memory.

1 29. The broadcast system of claim 28, wherein the receiver is to detect the tuning  
2 event by detecting a selected channel or program.

1 30. The broadcast system of claim 28, wherein the list of favorites comprises a schedule  
2 listing consecutive weekly programs separated by time.

1 31. The broadcast system of claim 28, wherein the receiver is to auto-tune the list of  
2 favorites without user interaction.

1 32. The broadcast system of claim 28, wherein the list of favorites is accessible from  
2 more than one device.

1 33. The broadcast system of claim 28, wherein the receiver is to change the list of  
2 favorites using a changing time scale as the list matures.

1 34. The broadcast system of claim 28, wherein the receiver is to prevent rollover of a  
2 count value.

1 35. The broadcast system of claim 28, wherein the receiver is to provide an alert if an  
2 item in the list of favorites is about to be shown or is being shown.

1 36. The broadcast system of claim 28, wherein the one or more items include a channel  
2 item, a program item, an actor item, a director item, a theme item, or a category item.